

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
AUTHENTICATING THE
DISPATCH AND CONTENTS OF
DOCUMENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the present patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-63 and substitute therefor new claims **64-73** as follows:

a' ~~64. Apparatus for authenticating that certain information has been transmitted from a sender via a dispatcher to a recipient, the apparatus comprising:~~
means for providing a set A comprising a plurality of information elements a1,...,an, where said information element a1 is originated from the sender and comprising the contents of the information being electronically transmitted to said recipient, and said one or more information elements a2,...,an comprising dispatch-related information and comprise at least the following elements:
a2 - a time indication associated with said dispatch; and
a3 - information describing the destination of said dispatch,